



FOUNTAIN CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT

In-Lieu Fee Program

Enhancing Ecosystems Through Collaborative Mitigation

Program Objectives

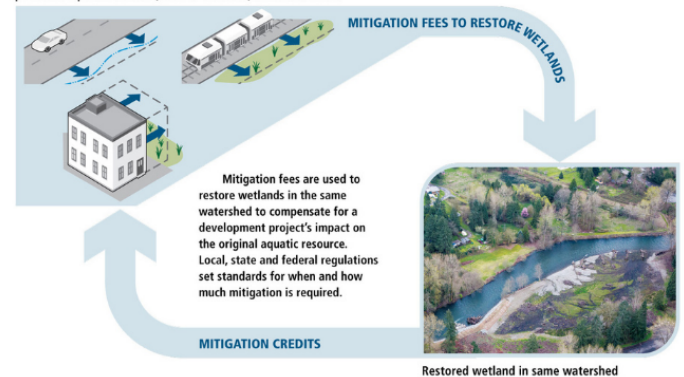
- Enable high-impact restoration and flood-mitigation projects that advance regional environmental goals and deliver long-term ecological and community benefits.
- Restore and preserve streams, wetlands, riparian areas, and wildlife habitat through scientifically sound, watershed-scale planning.
- Provide a streamlined, predictable permitting pathway for eligible projects.
- Ensure long-term stewardship, monitoring, and land management of mitigation sites. (Interim and long-term land management plans are included for each site restored. Interim: annual monitoring by FCWD for 5 years or more. Long-term: annual monitoring for compliance and long-term sustainability, third party implemented.)
- Offer a local, cost-effective regulatory compliance option that all permittees can use in place of complex, difficult, or impractical on-site federal and state environmental permitting requirements.

Why is Mitigation Important?

The FCWD In-Lieu Fee Program provides mitigation credits for unavoidable impacts to wetlands, streams, and species.

WHAT IS MITIGATION AND HOW DOES IT WORK?

Some development projects have unavoidable impacts to protected aquatic resources, such as wetlands, streams or rivers.



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Program Area



Map of FCWD In-Lieu Fee Program Area.

The FCWD In-Lieu Fee Program Area covers most of El Paso County and all of Pueblo County. This geographic scope specifies the areas which In-Lieu Fee payments will be accepted and the mitigation projects will be implemented.

What is Being Protected?

Federally Regulated Habitat & Sensitive Species
Federal and state wetlands and streams and endangered or sensitive species habitat that may be improved or protected through the In-Lieu Fee Program includes but is not limited to:

- Eastern Black Rail
- Preble's Meadow Jumping Mouse
- Tricolored Bat
- Ute Ladies-Tresses



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